

II. Specification

On page 2 of the final Office Action the Examiner requests that the specification be amended to include updated continuity data. The Examiner is respectfully referred to the amendment filed on June 13, 2003, in which the most recent continuity data was added. An additional update of the continuity update is not required.

III. Obviousness Type Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 37-53 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,218,001 ("the '001 patent"). While not acquiescing to the correctness of this rejection, Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer over the '001 patent. Applicants thus request that this rejection be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the consideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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